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Publication of text-books

* 339 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress so far made in publishing the text-books for the use of elementary and higher elementary classes; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to publish text-books for use in High Schools?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Steps are being taken to acquire the necessary machinery for installing a book printing press. Meanwhile, Government have decided to publish the English text-book for New Standard V, based on the revised syllabus, for use in all the elementary schools in the State from 1960–61.

(*b*) No, Sir.

* 340 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the steps taken for printing and publishing text-books by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 339 by Sri K. Vinayakam, on the subject.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : When will these books that are being now prepared by the Government come into force?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : They have got to be printed first. We do not have the printing capacity at present. That is why we want to acquire further printing machinery for this purpose. We are hoping that in the next year we will be able to print some of the Tamil text-books.

Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Madras

* 341 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the servants employed in the Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Triplicane, Madras, are provided with living quarters;

(*b*) when they were constructed and what is the present condition of these quarters; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal with the Government to construct new living quarters for them next to Nurses' quarters in the same compound?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Only thirty-nine workers of the hospital have been provided with quarters within the hospital compound.

(*b*) The quarters were put up in 1942 and they are now in a dilapidated condition.

(*c*) No, Sir. The proposal is to construct the quarters outside the hospital compound.